

Amendments to the Claims:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing preferred patient services, comprising:
associating a plurality of doctors in various locations with an organization, the associated doctors being selected by the organization based on each doctor's respective credentials; and
charging a membership fee to allow a plurality of members to belong to the organization, the members being permitted to seek any number of visits with any of the associated doctors in any of the various locations,
wherein the organization does not provide primary health insurance, but provides additional medical care regardless of any health insurance a member may already possess.
2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the organization is promoted through a credit card company.
3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the credit card company offers membership to the organization to a potential member based on purchasing characteristics of the potential member.
4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the purchasing characteristics of the potential member comprises frequent travel.
5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the purchasing characteristics of the potential member comprises frequent international travel.

6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the purchasing characteristics of the potential member comprises high spending.

7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the purchasing characteristics of the potential member comprises a high income.

8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the various locations comprise various cities.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the various locations comprise various countries.

10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the selected doctors comprises a preexisting network of doctors.

11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein a member can access a list of the selected doctors and identify a doctor in a particular location by using the Internet.

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein a member can access a list of the selected doctors via a toll free telephone number.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the selected doctors possess excellent credentials, as judged by the organization.

14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the associated doctors pay a fee to be associated with the organization.

15. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the visit a member seeks with an associated doctor is provided immediately.

16. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein an associated doctor shares medical information regarding a member of the organization with other associated doctors using the Internet.

17. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the organization can import and store a member's medical records from the member's regular doctor or primary health care provider.

18. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the members pay the membership fee to a credit card company.

19. (Original) A method as recited in claim 18, wherein the credit card company pays an associated doctor for conducting a visit with a member of the organization.

20. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the membership fee is non-subsidized.

21. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the associated plurality of doctors are private practitioners.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of providing preferred patient services, comprising:
 associating a plurality of doctors in various locations with an organization, the associated doctors being selected by the organization based on each doctor's respective credentials; and
 charging a membership fee to allow a plurality of members to belong to the organization, the members being permitted to seek any number of visits with any of the associated doctors in any of the various locations,
 wherein the organization does not provide primary health insurance, but provides additional medical care regardless of any health insurance a member may already possess,
 wherein the organization is promoted through a credit card company,
 wherein the credit card company offers membership to the organization to a potential member based on purchasing characteristics of the potential member,
 wherein the purchasing characteristics of the potential member comprises frequent travel,
 wherein the purchasing characteristics of the potential member comprises frequent international travel,
 wherein the purchasing characteristics of the potential member comprises high spending,

wherein the purchasing characteristics of the potential member comprises a high income,
wherein the various locations comprise various cities,
wherein the various locations comprise various countries,
wherein the selected doctors comprises a preexisting network of doctors,
wherein a member can access a list of the selected doctors and identify a doctor in a particular location by using the Internet,

wherein a member can access a list of the selected doctors via a toll free telephone number,

wherein the selected doctors possess excellent credentials, as judged by the organization,

wherein the associated doctors pay a fee to be associated with the organization,
wherein the visit a member seeks with an associated doctor is provided immediately,
wherein an associated doctor shares medical information regarding a member of the organization with other associated doctors using the Internet,

wherein the organization can import and store a member's medical records from the member's regular doctor or primary health care provider,

wherein the members pay the membership fee to a credit card company,

wherein the credit card company pays an associated doctor for conducting a visit with a member of the organization,

wherein the membership fee is non-subsidized,

wherein the associated plurality of doctors are private practitioners.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of providing preferred patient services, comprising:

associating a plurality of doctors in various locations with an organization, the associated doctors being selected by the organization based on each doctor's respective credentials; and

charging a membership fee to allow a plurality of members to belong to the organization, the members being permitted to seek any number of visits with any of the associated doctors in any of the various locations,

wherein the organization does not provide primary health insurance, but provides additional medical care regardless of any health insurance a member may already possess,

wherein the members pay the membership fee to a credit card company,

wherein the credit card company pays an associated doctor for conducting a visit with a member of the organization,

wherein an associated doctor shares medical information regarding a member of the organization with other associated doctors using the Internet.